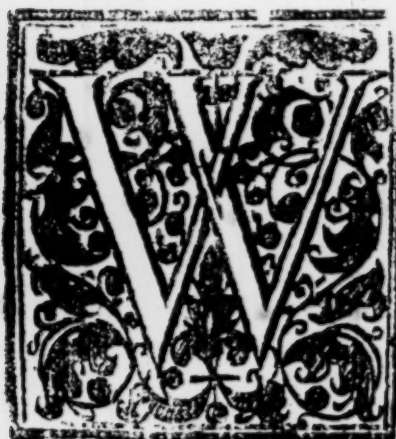




BY THE
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WHEREAS Our very good Lord Richard Lord Viscount Ranelagh and his Partners by their contract with His Majesty passed under the Great Seal of England, and bearing date the 24th day of August, in the 23th year of His Majesties Reign, did Covenant and grant to and with His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors; That they the said Richard Lord Viscount Ranelagh, and his Partners would within the space of four years to commence from the Twenty fifth day of December, which was in the year 1671. fully discharge, satisfie and pay, or cause to be fully discharged, satisfied and paid all and every the Arrears of pay, which at or upon the 25th day of December in the year 1670. were behind and unpaid to any person or persons comprehended in the Martial List according to the Establishment; And also all Arrears of pay, wages, salary or pension then due to any persons comprehended within the civil List according to the said Establishment, and also all Arrears whatsoever then due to His Majesties Train of Artillery in this Kingdom, and would cause due satisfaction & payment to be made thereof within the time aforesaid, by even and equal portions in good lawful and currant English money, or so much lawful currant money of Ireland, as should be equivalent in Ireland to English money, without any composition, defalcation, or other deduction whatsoever (the usual fees and charges onely excepted) The first payment whereof was to begin at or before the 24th day of December last past, and that His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors should be acquitted and discharged thereof, so as such Arrears of pay then due upon the Military Lists, and to be satisfied within the time, and according to the proportions aforesaid, do not in the whole exceed the sum of One hundred thirty nine thousand one hundred, Eleven shillings and four pence. Deducting the fees and charges, and so as the Arrears then due on that civil List, do not in the whole exceed the sum of Four thousand pounds, and so as the Arrears then due to the Train of Artillery do not in the whole exceed the sum of One thousand one hundred forty seven pounds.

And whereas His Majesty having by His said Letters Patents covenanted, That the said contract should be construed, adjudged, deemed and taken most favourably and beneficially for the said Lord Ranelagh and his Partners, and for the better enabling them to execute and perform their undertaking, and some doubts arising concerning the said words (by even and equal portions) His Majesty by His Letters bearing date the 26th day of November last to us directed, was graciously pleased upon consideration thereof had before the then Lord Commissioners of His Majesties Treasury in England, to order and declare that the Arrears payable by the said clause, should be discharged, satisfied and paid by twelve even and equal portions, The first portion whereof was to have been paid and satisfied at or before the 24th of December last past, and so every three Calendar Months, one more till the whole should be discharged.

And His Majesty did by His said Letters Declare His further pleasure, That we should give effectual Order for the settling of what debts are due from the several Officers and Souldiers concerned in the said Arrear in their respective Quarters, that so due care may be taken for the satisfying thereof.

And whereas the said Months pay of the said Arrears, which was payable on the 24th day of December last, cannot well be paid until the said Debts be stated and ascertained. We do therefore hereby publish and declare, That all and every person and persons claiming any Debt or Debts to be due unto them, from any Officers or Souldiers of the standing Troops or Companies of His Majesties Army now in Ireland, which have been contracted betwixt the 28th of July in the year 1662, and the 25th day of March in the year 1670. For necessary provisions for themselves or their Horses within their respective Quarters, shall and may by themselves, or their Agents make proof of their said Debts before the first day of April next, before the Commissioned Officers commanding in chief each Troop, or Company in their several and respective Quarters, and shall also cause the said Debts to be certified into the Office of His Majesties Commissary General of the Musters at Dublin, under the hands of such Commissioned Officers, and also under the hands of the chief Magistrate of the City or Town where they are now Quartered, or in case there be no such chief Magistrate, under the hand of some Justice of Peace in the County where such City or Town is situated, before the Twentieth day of April next.

And whereas several Troops and Companies have been lately either Disbanded or Transported into England, by reason whereof the persons concerned in such Debts, know not how or where to apply themselves to the chief Commissioned Officers of such Troops and Companies; We do hereby further publish and declare, That all and every person and persons to whom any such Debts are due and owing from any Officers or Souldiers of the said Troops or Companies so Disbanded or Transported into England, do by themselves or their Agents sometime before the said Twentieth day of April next, make proof of their said Debts before Sir James Cuff Knight, Joseph Dean, Griffith Bodurda, Abraham Yarner Esquiers, or Richard Barry Gent. or before any two of them at the Office of His Majesties Commissary General of the Musters at Dublin. And we do hereby impower and require the chief Commissioned Officer residing with each Troop or Company now of His Majesties Army in this Kingdom, and also the aforesaid Sir James Cuff, Joseph Dean, Griffith Bodurda, Abraham Yarner, and Richard Barry, or any two of them as aforesaid, to examine all such Debts as are claimed from any Officers or Souldiers, which at any time from the 28th of July 1662, until the 25th day of December in the year 1670. were of His Majesties Army in Ireland, and which have grown due within the time aforesaid, for necessary provisions for themselves or their Horses in their respective Quarters, and to give Certificates thereof unto the person or persons unto whom the said Debts shall appear to be due, and to return Duplicates thereof into the Office of the said Commissary General of the Musters in Dublin, on or before the said Twentieth day of April next ensuing, To the end that effectual course may be taken for the satisfaction of the said Debts, in such manner, and at such times, and in such manner as the said Arrears due to the said Officers and

Souldiers shall become due and payable, and to be satisfied as aforesaid.

And whereas we are informed, That although His Majesty hath taken care that the said Twelve months Arrear shall be satisfied, and the said Lord Viscount Ranelagh and his Partners, are and shall be ready to pay the same, at the dayes and times abovesaid, according to their contract without any Composition, Defalcation, or other Deduction (the usual Fees and Cheques onely excepted.) Yet some persons taking advantage of the necessities of the Officers and Souldiers to whom the said Arrears are due, have presumed to compound with some of them for the same, at small and inconsiderable Rates, thereby designing to make unreasonable advantages to themselves; we do hereby declare, That no such Compositions made with any such Officers or Souldiers for their said Arrears shall be allowed of, but care shall be taken, that the persons who have made any such Compositions with any such Officers or Souldiers shall be satisfied their money, if any they have really paid, thereupon out of the first monies of the said Arrears, that shall be due and payable to such Officers and Souldiers, after the Debts due from them in their respective Quarters shall be satisfied. And we do hereby strictly charge and Command all Officers and Souldiers to whom the said Arrears are due, That they do forbear hereafter making any such Compositions for their said Arrears, but that they do patiently expect their satisfaction thereof, at such times as His Majesty hath appointed for the same.

Given at His Majesties Castle of *Dublin*, the Eighteenth day of *February*, 1672. The 25th year of His Majesties Reign.

Hen: Ford.

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